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NUMISMATISTS OF WISCONSIN

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## Nominations

The Wisconsin Hobby Show year 1974, with all of its exciting activity, is only a short month away and with the advent of the coin show season comes the responsibility of selecting the persons who will provide hobby leadership at the state level in Wisconsin.

This year is especially important inasmuch as a new president, vice-president, and four governors will be selected. This "full slate" happens every two years and as in the local coin club selections, must be viewed as an opportunity to expose and exploit the many talents of local club numismatists to the advantage of our hobby at the district level. What would be ideal would be for each Wisconsin coin club to propose and offer for nomination a person whom they feel would represent their club at the state level. This would not mean 30 nominations necessarily, since many qualified persons are members of several clubs. What it would mean is that persons interested enough in our hobby to travel from one club to another or the most qualified person within a single club (activist type persons) would be asked to expand their personal horizons for the benefit of the hobby. With this in mind, won't you please heed President Dick Anderson's call to nominations:

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FELLOW NUMISMATISTS:

"The time has come for nomination of officers for N.O.W. for the following offices:

A successor to myself, Richard Anderson, as President of N.O.W. to a two-year term.

A successor to Cliff Mishler as Vice President of N.O.W. for a two-year term.

A successor to Virgil Jackson, Roy Miller, Marion Anderson, and Fred Voecks as Board of Governors for three-year terms.

Won't you please give these important offices your best through the nomination of strong, interested persons. Only you, as interested N.O.W. members, can maintain a vigorous state numismatic program in the years ahead.

— Dick Anderson  
President N.O.W.

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DO IT NOW!

Send your nominations to the N.O.W.  
NEWS Editor:

Gerald Johnson  
1921 Chase Street  
Wis. Rapids, Wis. 54494

# Up Date

## N.O.W. SHOW - EARLIER THAN USUAL

One convention note that would not ordinarily be breached in mid-winter is the fact that the 1974 N.O.W. Waukesha Convention will be nearly 30 days earlier than most previous shows!! This unusual circumstance occurs because the 1974 Central States Convention in Michigan falls on the predetermined N.O.W. convention date. This, along with a tight usage schedule for the fabulous Waukesha County Expo Center, has meant a show date of May 4 and 5 for the N.O.W. Show.

Out-of-town exhibitors, dealers, and convention followers are encouraged to reserve rooms early at convention headquarters:

Holiday Inn of Waukesha  
2417 Blue Mound Road  
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

## All Systems Are Go For Upcoming State Numismatic Show

The 1974 State Convention is shaping well, even though under the cloud of the energy crisis. Half the dealer bourse has been filled, medals have been struck, and are ready to be distributed in pre-convention sales. The Franklin Mint has announced it will send representatives and displays and the General Services Administration will bring its exhibits of "Carson City Silver Dollars." It is also possible that a "coin rolling machine" will be in action (these are the machines used to "elongate" coins at the worlds fairs of 1892 and 1933-39).

## N.O.W. CONVENTION STATUS REPORT 1974

The Waukesha Coin Club is happy to announce that the 1974 N.O.W. Convention is rapidly taking shape! Educational seminars have been slated, several visiting dignitaries are expected, and the dealer bourse is about 60% sold out. An unusually large number of exhibitors is also expected.

Barring serious problems relating to the energy crisis, a convention of record proportions is expected. All members of the board, plus clubs actively affiliated with N.O.W. have been sent raffle tickets. It is the duty of each and every member to sell these to insure financial success for the convention.

President Dick Anderson has asked that members of the B.O.G. get in touch with him and express their idea as to where we should hold our spring meeting. The localities suggested so far have been Madison, Green Bay, or perhaps a special meeting slated at a central city.

Communications between several members of the B.O.G. have expressed the idea of changing the current dues-paying schedule. It has been suggested that we collect dues on a calendar year basis. If this were to be ammended into the by-laws, it would mean that we would collect \$3.00 from members at the convention and their dues would be paid up until January 1, 1976. This would eliminate many problems which we currently encounter under the present convention to convention system.

- Kurt Krueger

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When sending inquiries to ANA, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This will save time and money at the Colorado Springs headquarters! (Fair enough?)

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## DID YOU KNOW:

The 1937 three-legged Buffalo nickel is rare in uncirculated condition because the error was not detected until late in the year of mintage when most pieces were in circulation?

PAY YOUR LOCAL COIN CLUB DUES TODAY!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year '73 has gone by and I'm sure it was a good year for numismatists. I hope the holidays were joyful ones for all of you. The way '74 is starting out I'm sure it will be another good year.

I may be a little late but I would like to wish you all a happy year for 1974.

In November the wife and I attended Michigan's State Convention at Grand Rapids. Had a good time, plus the evening banquet was terrific. Wisconsin was well represented with N.O.W. officers. There was myself, plus vice-president Cliff Mishler (who also was guest speaker), Kurt Krueger, Sec.-Treas., and Marion Anderson who is on the Board of Governors.

In January the wife and I attended Miami Beach, Florida International Convention. We bumped into Don Clark of Madison who also was there.

Miami Beach is hosting the 1974 ANA Convention and I hope that we can get a group from N.O.W. to go on the tour this year. As most of you know we had a tour to Boston. Going to have a good time this year. We will leave August 15 and return Aug. 18th. Four-day tour. If anyone is interested in going this year, send me your name now so I can get started on this.

Will send you information later. I would like to have a large group so Wisconsin can be well-represented.

I don't know if anything has been published about a membership campaign but the person that gets the most new or old members (that belonged two years ago or longer but have not paid dues) in N.O.W. gets to go to ANA Convention plane fare and hotel room expenses paid. The winner must have over 50 new memberships to be eligible to win.

See you all this spring.

- Dick Anderson  
President N.O.W.

## YOUNG NUMISMATIST SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Numismatic Association Young Numismatist Committee is appealing for scholarships to the 1974 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs so that deserving young numismatists may attend this educational activity.

Initiated last year, eight sponsors responded and paid the essential costs so that a number of young collectors could attend the seminar. The sixth seminar is scheduled for July 7-13 and, as in the past, will be held in conjunction with Colorado College.

Each scholarship should include the fee (six days and nights of dormitory lodging, meals, tuition, regularly scheduled field trips) and tourist class air fare from the junior's home town to Colorado Springs. The average cost per student probably will be in the order of \$350.

Sponsors were:

Albert H. Wohlers & Co., Insurance  
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Since the contribution to sponsor a student to the ANA Seminar is a donation to a non-profit, educational organization, the amount of it is deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes. The sponsors will be recognized by having their names published in THE NUMISMATIST and elsewhere.

If your firm, or you as an individual, wishes to sponsor a deserving young collector, please contact:

Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, Jr.,  
Chairman of the Young Numismatist  
Committee  
1141 West Lexington Ave.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807

or the ANA Executive Director  
P.O. Box 2366  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
80901

Promote numismatics by helping a  
Young Numismatist!

# LETTERS



To The Editor:

The Golden Anniversary of National Coin Week occurs April 20-27, 1974, and it would be both opportune and appropriate for the week to be marked with a presidential proclamation calling on all Americans to observe the occasion.

A bill with that purpose in mind has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Edward Roybal, D-California. The Bill H.J.RES.737, deserves your support.

National Coin Week has been sponsored annually since 1924 by The American Numismatic Association, the largest educational, non-profit organization of coin collectors in the world. The purpose of the week is to call the public's attention to its use of coins, the role that coins play in our economy, and the story that the design on each coin tells the world.

There are three reasons why H.J.RES. 737 deserves your support:

1. The ANA is an organization chartered by Congress in recognition of its national character and purposes. Chartered for 50 years in 1912, the charter was renewed to perpetuity in 1962. The organization now has thousands of members in every state of the Union.
2. Congress has previously recognized the national character of the ANA by granting and renewing its charter and by authorizing the U.S. Mint to strike a national medal in 1966 commemorating the organization's Diamond Jubilee.

3. Finally, the tie-in to the bi-centennial and the coin design change should be obvious. A truly national coin week, proclaimed by the president, would serve to focus attention on the upcoming bi-centennial design change and the important role coins play in our everyday life.

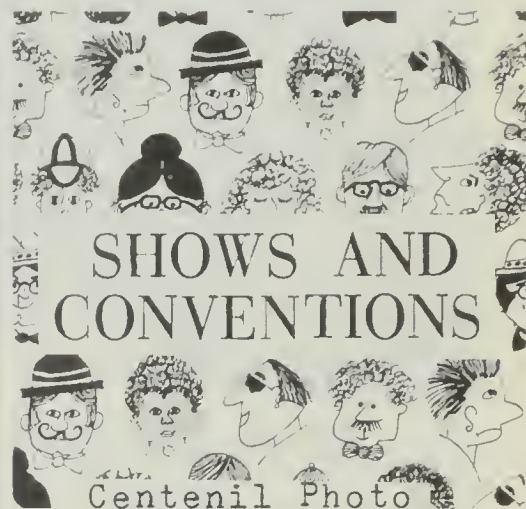
The only way that the President will proclaim a National Coin Week is if H.J.RES. 737 is passed by Congress. I would like to personally urge you to run a small item in your column asking your readers to contact their Congressmen or Rep. Don Edwards, D-California., Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Federal Charters, Holidays, and Celebrations Committee, which has jurisdiction of this bill.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
David L. Ganz  
Iola, Wisconsin





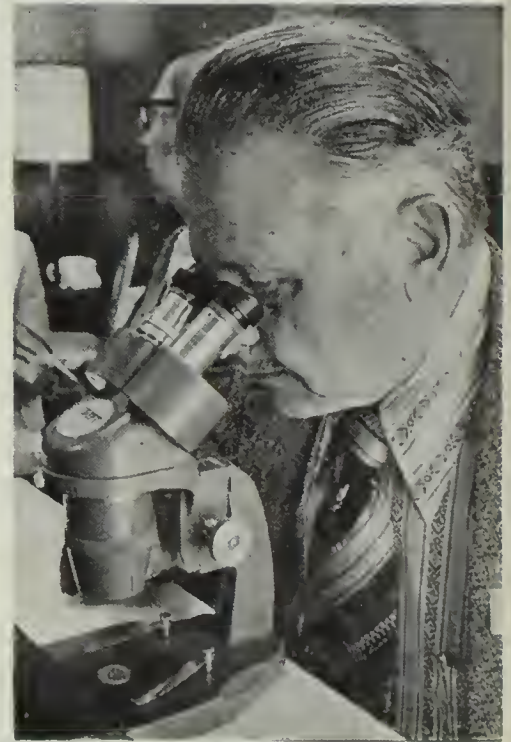


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# SHOWS AND CONVENTIONS



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## Passing the Gavel

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"Camera Bug" Dorothea Case (N.O.W. #57) showed color slides of recent Wausau coin shows, picnics, and banquets at the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club Christmas party. The slides were mostly taken unposed and provided an excellent program!

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society became Wisconsin's only "club life member" in A.N.A. in a January meeting vote.

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N.O.W. member William Wasilewski has opened Milwaukee's newest coin shop on Blue Mound Road across from the zoo, specializing in rare coins and silver and gold investments, under the name "Metro Coin."

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An N.O.W. member recently bid \$10,000 on a California National Gold Bank Note and was unsuccessful. (Monte Sherwin bidding on the Matt Rothert specimen offered in the American Auction Association's Auction in Dec.) The bill sold for \$10,500.

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YOUR CLUB OFFICERS MISSING? SEND US  
YOUR CLUB NEWS!

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Three charter members of the Waukesha Coin Club are writing a history of the club for publication in the next issue of N.O.W. NEWS.

## NEWS BRIEFS

"Of the coin shows we went to in 1973, the best (saleswise) were those that had nice displays. Many collectors now have their own cases and I think clubs would boost their attendance by asking for displays. We hope to see a lot of new ones in 1974!"

- Portage Coin News

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Daisy Jackson (N.O.W.#456) has spent the fall and winter months talking before civic groups on antique dolls and hubby Virgil adds his "2¢ worth" with a brief addenda on teddy bears, and the effect they had on the lives of their owners.

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Kurt Krueger has been named as the Administrator of the A.N.A. Young Numismatist Correspondence Course. (Busy young man!)

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"Old Saint Numismaclaus may not be as generous this year as last but I am sure he has made a hit and just might again." (Christmas party - Oconomowoc Numis-News)

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The Annual Milwaukee Numismatic Society banquet was held January 19 at the Cudworth American Legion Post in Milwaukee. In addition to the banquet, a large number of door prizes were drawn and social dancing followed. The club treasury subsidized the affair for about 30% of the total cost to members.

### RIGHT NOW!

Within the last five years the late February and early March coin shows have opened the spring numismatic season to a full three months, yet scheduling conflicts still plague the state scene. Primary reason seems to be facility; reserve your 1975 site NOW!

## HIGHSMITH BURGLARY BRINGS TEN-YEAR SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Stanley V. Boryca, who tried to burglarize the home of Gale Highsmith last February, was tried in Circuit Judge John F. Foley's courtroom on Wednesday, December 5.

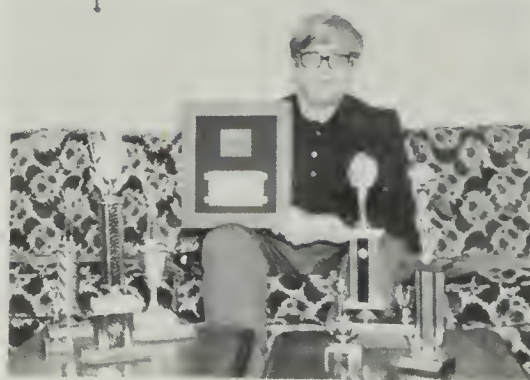
Boryca pleaded guilty to armed burglary and battery.

Judge Foley sentenced the 42-year old Boryca to 10 years in Waupun but stayed the sentence and put him on five year's probation and told him to stay out of the state of Wisconsin.

Boryca was shot in the abdomen and wrist when he entered Gale's home.

Supervision of Boryca's probation will be transferred to Cook County Illinois.

- Milwaukee Numismatic News



D. Loomis Photo

Sixteen-year old Steve Helms, Beaver Dam, is shown above holding the First Place Junior Award of the 1973 Oconomowoc Coin Show. In the foreground are two exceptionally attractive trophies he won at the Fond du Lac Show and awards from Beaver Dam and Watertown (also won in 1973). Steve continues in the tradition of the Beaver Dam club which has produced such outstanding exhibitors as the Binder, Loomis, and Jackson families.

### DID YOU KNOW:

That until the Coinage Act of 1857, various foreign coins circulated as legal tender along with U.S. small change in circulation?



Southeastern Wisconsin (those lucky people) have a nice new coin shop to visit in Madison, Wis. The new shop operated by Joe Cordio and Bob Lee is located at 836 East Johnson St. in Madison and offers a full line of coins, currency, stamps, and supplies.

If the name Bob Lee sounds familiar to you, it's because Bob is an exhibitor of exceptional talent who has won a number of Wisconsin show trophies in recent years and was named "Young Wisconsin Numismatist" in 1972.

The new shop's hours are 2:30 to 9:00 P.M. weekdays and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturdays.



ARNOLD JEFFCOAT JOINS NUMISMATIC NEWS WEEKLY

The appointment of Arnold Jeffcoat as Editor of NUMISMATIC NEWS WEEKLY has been announced by Senior Editor Clifford Mishler. A long-time student of coin collecting and history, Jeffcoat joined the NEWS staff Dec. 27 following six years service on the editorial staff of GUN WEEK, a tabloid newspaper devoted to shooting sports.

"Jeffcoat's addition to the NEWS' staff, because of his professional and hobby background, will further enhance the weekly paper's ability to gather news items of interest to coin collectors on the most objective, timely basis possible," Mishler said.

First exposed to coin collecting in the mid-1950's, Jeffcoat's hobby experience includes a stint as a part-time dealer while working as a general assignment reporter on the New Bedford Standard Times in the early 1960's.

Jeffcoat, 39, was born and raised in Anderson County, Texas. His wife, the former Joan Sylvia of New Bedford, Mass., will join him in Iola when housing arrangements can be completed. The couple have two children: Pam, 15, and Alan, 13.

### NEW KRAUSE PUBLICATION

"WORLD COIN NEWS," a crisp, new quarterly newspaper, is the latest publishing venture of Chet Krause of Iola, Wisconsin. The brand new paper is an offshoot of the Krause-Mishler Standard Catalog of World Coins and serves as a supplement and complement to the "Catalog." More than this, it is described as "a new publication and new ideas" by the publishers. Using the excellent "NUMISMATIC NEWS" format of sharp photos and color, the paper is a pleasing exodus from the "mini-mag" treatment that has been given the booming foreign coin hobby thus far in print.

### WISCONSIN COLLECTORS LOSE A FRIEND

The State of Wisconsin, The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, and the hobby as a whole lost a supporter and friend with the passing of Milwaukee Sentinel Columnist Harold "Jamie" Jamison in early December. Jamison's column "Jaunts with Jamie" was published in the Sentinel for over 20 years and often dealt with coin club activities in the midwest, especially the activities of the Milwaukee club. An interesting writer, "Jamie" attended many Milwaukee club functions and promoted the hobby in his person and writings.

Excerpts from his excellent column on the city of Waukesha will appear in the pre-convention issue of N.O.W. NEWS. He will be missed by his many column followers, numismatic and non-hobbyist alike.

# Dialog

## COLUMBUS' HALF-DOLLAR

The veteran collector who over the years has examined more than a few small accumulations of coins, has seen the continued appearance of Columbian halves in used condition in nearly every lot. In relation to other silver coins of the 1890's, the "World Fair" half seems "dirt common." The early 1890's provided a number of important happenings, A.N.A. had assumed a leadership role in the loosely knit world of coin collecting, and since 1888 had published the monthly newsletter, "THE NUMISMATIST."

About the same time A.G. Heaton published a treatise on coins from the United States branch mints. Prior to this time there was very little interest in collecting coins from the mint branches at New Orleans, Charlotte, and San Francisco. It seemed to make no difference at all whether a coin had a mint mark on it. The date was all that mattered at this time.

This Heaton publication was distributed by coin dealers everywhere and gave momentum to mint mark collecting. About the only other important publication in the early 1890's was J.W.Scott's 1813 "Standard Catalogue," the first generally circulated guide to coin values in America.

In 1893 the main topic of conversation in the United States was the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Numismatically the World's Fair gave the collector an unparalleled number of beautifully executed medals, tokens, and souvenir pieces, plus, of course, the Columbian half-dollars and Isabella quarter. The Columbian half was over-produced and a large surplus of these pieces remained when the fair ended. The commemorative half sold for \$1.00 each and a national syndicate offered to buy 100,000

Columbians from the United States Treasury, provided that the unsold remainder be melted by the government. This proposal was rejected and large quantities of unsold half-dollars were released into circulation at face value.

The Isabella quarters were also sold for \$1.00 each but due to the fact that a Columbian half-dollar could be purchased at the same price, the Isabellas were not well-received. The unsold quarters were wholesaled to coin dealers rather than released to circulation as in the case of the Columbian half. The early 1900's brought a much greater interest in United States coins from colonials to gold. Collectors belatedly learned that many Liberty Seated and earlier coins were really very rare in top condition, since no early collectors had the resources or foresight to save these coins in quantity when they were available for face value.

## Numismafest II

The second edition of the Brookfield, Wisconsin "Numismafest" has been scheduled for the Brookfield Mall, Feb. 23 and 24. If 30 dealers attend, a guaranteed \$300 will be provided for the Young Numismatist Program in Wisconsin.

## Sheboygan Date Set

The annual one-day show of the Sheboygan Coin Club will be held April 28 at Standard Hall, 13th & Indiana in Sheboygan. Show hours are 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and dealers & exhibitors may contact:

Ken Herber  
1638 South 25th  
Sheboygan, Wis. 53081

## RACINE SHOW DATE SET

The 36th Annual Convention of the Racine Numismatic Society will be held at the Racine Motor Inn March 23-24.

Dealers and exhibitors may contact:

Frank B. Garniss, General Chairman  
1500 Dekoven Avenue  
Racine, Wis. 53401



# Calendar of Numismatic Events

## NUMISMATISTS OF WISCONSIN

### WISCONSIN SHOW CALENDAR - 1974

Feb. 23-24 - Brookfield  
March 23-24 - Racine  
24 - Green Bay  
31 - Madison  
April 7 - Appleton  
14 - EASTER  
21 - Beaver Dam  
Eau Claire  
South Shore - Milwaukee  
28 - Sheboygan  
May 4-5 - N.O.W. Waukesha  
12 - Monroe  
19 - Oshkosh  
26 - Wausau  
June 2 -  
June 21-23 - R.C.D.A. - Milwaukee Expo.

### EARLY HISTORY OF THE 1804 DOLLAR

Wayte Raymond, the New York coin dealer, has recently issued a booklet, "The Stickney 1804 Dollar," giving the history of this particular specimen. The booklet contains several letters, one of which is from Mr. Stickney, dated July 2, 1867, addressed to Edward Cogan, of New York City, in which he states how he acquired the coin. In his foreward, Mr. Raymond states that Mr. Stickney received the coin from the United States Mint Cabinet in 1843 in exchange for other coins. It remained in his possession until his collection was sold by Henry Chapman in 1907. At the sale it was purchased by Col. James W. Ellsworth. In 1923 Mr. Raymond bought Colonel Ellsworth's collection and sold the 1804 dollar to W.C. Atwater of New York City.

The Numismatist - August 1931

The Numismatists Of Wisconsin is a non-profit organization avowed to serve the collectors of the state of Wisconsin and its neighbors.

Dues are \$2.00 per year for individual club or dealer memberships, and entitle participants to N.O.W. NEWS, the state quarterly magazine. Among the services of the state organization are coin authentication, exhibit package service, speakers bureau, and show calendar coordination services.

Dues are collected each year at the spring annual convention and run a full year to the following convention. N.O.W. conventions assure state collectors of a major show within the state each year and sites are varied to provide all regions of Wisconsin with numismatic exposure.

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